

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION**

In re: BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE, INC., TIRES PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION) Master File No. IP 00-9373-C-B/S) MDL NO. 1373))))
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ENTRY FOR APRIL 3, 2002

The parties appeared, by counsel, this date for a telephonic status conference regarding Ford's database production. The parties report that their consultants continue to discuss and resolve the remaining issues. The following specific issues were raised and discussed during the conference:

1. Plaintiffs have identified the specific fields in the AWS, CQIS, GCARS, and VSAD databases for which they need further semantic information; Ford is working to provide this information.
2. The plaintiffs are still evaluating the issue of the automatic removal of information in the warranty history field of the CQIS database.
3. The plaintiffs are evaluating issues relating to the NAVIS database and will report any remaining problems to Ford.
4. Three issues have been identified by the plaintiffs with regard to the MORS database; Ford is researching the issues and will report its findings to the plaintiffs.
5. The plaintiffs have identified 55,818 records that were included in the hard copy reports from the CQIS database but were not included when CQIS was produced in .csv format. Ford believes those records were produced in .csv format along with the MORS database production, but is working to verify that fact. Ford reaffirms that it did not intend to exclude any records from its .cvs format production, and it will correct any exclusion that may have occurred.

6. The plaintiffs are still evaluating whether it believes any separate searches of the OASIS database need to be performed. The availability to and use of the Field Service Action field by Ford dealerships was discussed, and the parties will discuss the possibility of reaching a stipulation on this issue. Also discussed was the issue of how best to determine which Technical Services Bulletins and Special Service Messages were applicable to any given vehicle involved in the MDL, and the parties agreed to explore the availability of an index of such bulletins and the development of representative searches of OASIS that will provide the plaintiffs with the information they need. Ford anticipates that it will have an answer to plaintiffs' inquiries on this topic within a week.
7. The issue of the so-called "lessons learned" database was discussed. Ford has determined that such a database did exist at one time, but is no longer in use. Ford has obtained an archived file of the database and is reviewing it for any relevant information. Plaintiffs asked Ford to review the deposition of William Clay Ford, Jr., and determine whether an active "lessons learned" database may still exist at Ford as part of the Six Sigma database. Ford agreed to do so, and anticipated that it would take approximately one week to research the issue.
8. The parties agreed that the deposition of Tom Baughman currently scheduled for April 10, 2002, will need to be postponed for about three weeks so that the plaintiffs can obtain and review all of Ford's database information prior to that deposition.
9. Another telephonic conference to discuss any remaining issues regarding Ford's database production will be held on **Wednesday, April 17, 2002, at 12:30**. Mr. Buchanan, counsel for plaintiffs, will arrange the call and inform the court and liaison counsel of the arrangements.

ENTERED this _____ day of April 2002.

V. Sue Shields
United States Magistrate Judge
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